

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
September 9, 2025

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in regular session. The following members being a quorum were present and acting: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Denise Hurd, and City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Denise Hurd, City Clerk

Minutes: August 26, 2025 & September 2, 2025 Special Meeting

Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting on August 26th, 2025, and the special Council meeting on September 2nd as submitted. Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

A. Community Development Committee (Airport, Community Development, Code Enforcement, Permits & Inspections, Transportation, & Planning & Development)

1. Consideration to approve waiving all three readings for the ordinances on the August 12, 2025 City Council Agenda.

Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive all three readings for the ordinances on the September 9th, 2025 agenda and Councilman Jones seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 8-0.

2. Ordinance to approve the de-annexation for property located at 5875 Highway 319 West. O-25-71

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Troy Rice told the Council that the applicant was requesting de-annexation due to lack of City services in the area and the cost being too great to extend those services based on the number of residents in the area. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Spurgers, Councilman Hawkins, and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

3. Ordinance to rezone property located at 603 Polk Street from R-2A to R-2. O-25-72

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council, stating that the Planning Commission had reviewed the request and voted unanimously to forward to City Council with a recommendation for approval. Ryan Robeson told the Council that the applicant planned to build a duplex on the .2-acre lot but with regulations under R2-A a minimum lot width of 100' is required, while under R-2, 50' is allowed, and the lot in question is 66' wide. He added that there is property located to the west that is zoned R-2A. Councilman Hawkins made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Ledbetter seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Grimes,

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Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Spurgers, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, and Councilman Hawks. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

B. Public Service Committee (Physical Plant, Parks & Recreation, Conway Community Center & Sanitation)

1. Resolution to approve applying for funding for the Rachel Ray No-Kill Excellence Grant Program for Conway Animal Services.

R-25-36

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Spencer Clawson told the Council that he wanted to submit a letter of interest in applying to the Program. He said the grant was for up to \$60,000 with no required match. He added that if the grant was received, the plan is to purchase a new adoption trailer to help improved lifesaving efforts. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Spurgers seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0. A vote was called and the Resolution passed 8-0.

Mayor Castleberry told the Council that there are 210 acres of property in the City limits and contiguous with the City's property on Lake Beaverfork, that is owned by Earl Rogers. He asked the Council for their permission to visit with the Rogers family with regards to purchasing the acreage. He added that A&P funds would be used for the purchase. No Council members expressed any opposition to the request, and several encouraged the Mayor to pursue inquiry.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 9th day of September, 2025

APPROVED:

Mayor, Bart Castleberry

City Clerk, Denise Hurd